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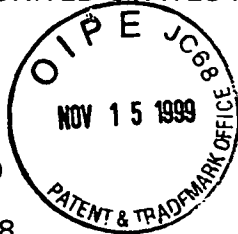
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

RIGLER et al.

Serial No.: 09/021,410

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Examiner: M. PHAM

For: A METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR THE EVALUATION OF BIOPOLYMER FITNESS

REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

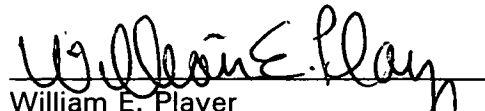
Applicants respectfully request that the PTO issue a new Office action in place of the Office action mailed October 4, 1999.

The instant request is made because the Office action received was incomplete. The only pages included in the Office action were the cover page, Office Action Summary page, Notice of References Cited page, and the Notice of Draftperson's Review page, along with copies of the prior art cited. The pages containing the main body of the Office action were missing.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the PTO mail a new Office action, which contains the missing pages and restarts the time period for response.

Respectfully submitted,

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